

**DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
March 5, 2021**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas Nickel at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

Thomas Nickel, Larry Schraufnagel (*appeared by phone*), David Guckenberger, Del Yaroach, and Ed Benter.

Also Present: James Mielke-County Administrator; Brian Pfitzinger-Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia-Circuit Court Judge; Kurt Klomberg-District Attorney; Bob Barrington-District Attorney Managing Attorney; Michelle Kenning-Clerk of Courts Office Manager; Terra Mattheis-Director of Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt-Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Mittelstadt-Chief Deputy; Gina Steinke-Br. 2 Judicial Assistant.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Del Yaroach to approve Minutes of January, 2021 meeting; second by Ed Benter. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Child Support Agency: Terra Mattheis reviewed Resolution in Support of Increased State Funding for County Child Support Programs. Terra states in 2019 they lost some federal match funding but Gov. Evers included some money back into the budget. Question by David Guckenberger - how much of this support comes to Dodge County from the State? Terra gave a very rough estimate of \$150,000. No further discussion.

Motion by Ed Benter to accept the Resolution; second by Del Yaroach. Motion carries.

Sheriff's Office: Dale Schmidt discussed the new vehicle lease proposal they've been looking at with Enterprise. Years 1, 2 and 3 of the lease look good but there are longevity concerns. Jim Mielke suggested the company Selig, so they are also exploring that company. Have decided to hold off on final decision for one more year, during 2022 budget process it will be re-explored. Will continue purchasing vehicles for this year.

Question by David Guckenberger – what is the length of the lease? Dale states it is open ended. Currently spending approx. \$350,000 on new vehicle purchases and keeping them about 5 years.

Question by David Guckenberger – is all equipment (lights, radios) included? Dale states no that is all separate. Scott Mittelstadt states the figure is closer to \$450,000 per year now which includes the cost for vehicles and equipment.

Question by Ed Benter – are any other counties leasing? Dale states he knows Green Lake County is leasing through Enterprise and they're in year 2 and he's been told it is going well.

Re: Resolution for Authorizing the Replacement of the Communication Center Radio Dispatch Consoles. The support for the current Motorola consoles ends at end of 2021 per Dale. Scott Mittelstadt states they're very close to final draft of the contract and he's meeting with Corporation Counsel later today.

Question by Thomas Nickel – was this all included in budget proposal? Yes per Scott Mittelstadt.

Question by David Guckenberger – does this include service costs/maintenance? Yes per Scott Mittelstadt.

Motion by David Guckenberger to accept the Resolution; second by Ed Benter. Motion carries.

District Attorney: Bob Barrington states back in the 1990's the State mandated that DA offices had to provide victim/witness services, which costs about \$150,000 annually. In 2020 the DA office will only get approximately 33% when the anticipated amount was 42%. The bottom line is DA office budgeted for \$70,000 and will only get between \$57,000 and \$58,000 reimbursed. This particular business unit will have a shortfall of approx. \$4,500. This is unpredictable because it's surcharge revenues and because of Covid the Courts were not operating as normal.

Kurt states one budget initiative that the Wisconsin Justice Coalition is looking into is a proposal for up to 75% reimbursement and Gov. Evers has \$4 million in the budget. Kurt reiterated that this money is not for the State, it is for the counties. Kurt urged committee members to push for this with the legislature.

Comment by David Guckenberger that perhaps all of the DA offices in the State could put forth a joint Resolution to the State. Statement by Jim Mielke that Representative Mark Born will be in person at the April 5, 2021 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Comment by Jim Mielke clarifying that the overall budget for the District Attorney's office will be in the black for 2020, this DOJ reimbursement shortfall is the only red line business unit for the DA office.


Comment by Joe Sciascia that when the Court fines someone \$100, the total with taxes and surcharges comes to approximately \$599.

Comment by Bob Barrington that Dodge County's Clerk of Courts Account Clerk, Pam Knapp, does an amazing job of collections.

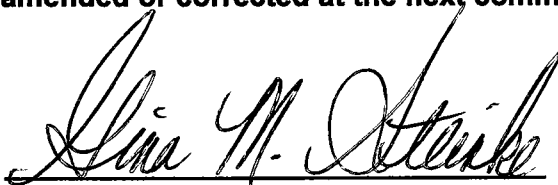
Next Meeting: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Administration Building, Rooms H&I.

Adjournment: Motion by Del Yaroch to adjourn meeting, second by Ed Benter. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.



Ed Benter, Secretary



Gina M. Steinke, Recording Secretary